

ABSOLUTE RATING: Unsatisfactory
IMPROVEMENT RATING: Unsatisfactory

Number of high schools with students similar to ours: 20. The absolute ratings for those schools ranged from unsatisfactory to good. For the improvement ratings, the range was from unsatisfactory to excellent.
(Definitions of School Rating Terms on Page 4)

RATINGS OVER A 4-YEAR PERIOD

	Absolute Rating	Improvement Rating
2001	Unsatisfactory	Unsatisfactory
2002		
2003		
2004		

TENTH GRADE PASSAGE OF ONE OR MORE SUBTESTS OF THE EXIT EXAM

	Our School			Schools With Students Like Ours		
	1999	2000	2001	1999	2000	2001
• Passed all 3 subtests	44.7	53.8	53.8	47.1	46.9	56.0
• Passed 2 subtests	27.6	24.8	18.7	23.4	23.0	19.4
• Passed 1 subtest	15.4	16.2	16.5	16.0	17.3	14.2
• Passed no subtests	12.2	5.1	11.0	13.5	12.8	10.3

ELIGIBILITY FOR LIFE SCHOLARSHIPS	Our School	Schools With Students Like Ours
% of seniors eligible for LIFE Scholarships	5.7%	7.2%
% of seniors who met the SAT requirement	5.7%	7.4%
% of seniors who met the grade point average	48.9%	39.7%

Beginning in 2003, the graduation rate for each high school will be included in the school rating.

PERFORMANCE BY STUDENT GROUPS

Student Group	Seniors		
	Exit Exam Passage Rate by Spring 2001	Eligibility for LIFE Scholarships	Graduation Rate
All students	86.7%	5.7%	N/A until 2003
Students with disabilities other than speech	0.0%	0.0%	
Students without disabilities	87.6%	6.2%	
Gender			
Male	90.0%	15.2%	
Female	84.5%	0.0%	
Ethnic Group			
African American	84.9%	3.9%	
Hispanic	100.0%	0.0%	
White	100.0%	20.0%	
Other	N/A	N/A	
Lunch Status			
Free/reduced-price lunch	82.4%	4.3%	
Pay for lunch	96.7%	11.1%	

STUDENTS IN CAREER AND TECHNOLOGY COURSES

Mastering core competencies	74.0%
Completers placed	93.9%
Eligible students enrolled	19.7%

SCHOOL PROFILE

INDICATORS OF SCHOOL PERFORMANCE

	Our School	Change from Last Year	Schools with Students Like Ours	Median High School
SCHOOL				
• Dollars spent per student	\$7,067	N/A	\$5,345	\$5,668
• Prime instructional time	92.6%	Up from 90.5%	88.0%	90.1%
• Student-teacher ratio	23.6 to 1	N/A	24.1 to 1	25.1 to 1
STUDENTS (n=507)				
• Advanced Placement/ Int'l Baccalaureate Program Exam Success Ratio	N/A	N/A	7.8%	40.0%
• Attendance rate	97.0%	Up from 96.7%	94.5%	95.3%
• Retention rate	9.4%	Up from 8.3%	11.4%	10.0%
TEACHERS (n=38)				
• Professional Development days per teacher	7.2 Days	Down from 8.8	8.3 Days	7.5 Days
• Attendance rate	96.6%	Up from 95.8%	94.9%	95.7%
• Teachers with advanced degrees	39.5%	Down from 45.9%	42.3%	49.4%
• Continuing contract teachers	78.9%	Down from 86.8%	74.2%	81.0%
• Teachers with out-of-field permits	2.6%	No change	3.2%	3.0%
• Teachers returning from the previous school year	86.0%	Up from 85.1%	82.4%	85.2%
• Average teacher salary	\$38,478	Up 4.3%	\$36,241	\$38,125

SCHOOL FACTS

	Our School	Change From Last Year	Schools with Students like ours	Median High School
SCHOOL				
• Dropout rate	1.9%	Down from 4.0%	3.7%	2.9%
• Percentage of expenditures spent on teacher salaries	53.6%	N/A	54.9%	56.4%
• Principal's years at the school	3.0	N/A	2.0	3.0
• Percent of parents attending conferences	70.1%	N/A	58.2%	60.1%
• Opportunities in the arts	Poor	N/A	Good	Excellent
STUDENTS				
• Older than usual for grade	13.4%	Down from 15.8%	13.3%	10.1%
• Suspended or expelled	30	N/A	44	29
• Gifted and talented	2.5%	Down from 4.2%	2.2%	7.4%
• With disabilities other than speech	10.0%	Up from 9.2%	11.9%	10.7%
• Career/technology students in co-curricular organizations	10.5%	N/A	5.2%	4.5%
• Enrollment in career and technology center courses	100	N/A	316	350
• Career students participating in work-based experiences	5.1%	N/A	22.6%	23.1%



PRINCIPAL'S / SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL REPORT

This has been a productive year at Calhoun County High School. The staff, students, parents, and community have supported refinements in the school organizational structure and expansion of programs. The teachers and staff remain committed to the pursuit of academic excellence with the support of our district and community. Among our efforts for the 2000-2001 SY were:

Refinements in Career Planning Guide for students and parents.
Increased information in Student Handbook (Agenda).
Expanded program offers Marketing / CAD / Introduction to Computers.
10.71% increase in Reading Exit Exam Scores.
9.6% increase in Mathematics Exit Exam Scores.
One hundred twelve students are enrolled in honors classes.
Twelve students scored 1000 or higher on the SAT.
Average SAT score increased 11 points from 862 to 873.

Our Foreign Language department toured Europe for ten days during the Spring of 2001. In addition, our boys' basketball team won their second consecutive 2A championship and our AJROTC was rated Honor Unit with Distinction for the 17th consecutive year. DECA was installed within the Marketing cluster. Mrs. Monica Daniels-Glover was named Teacher of the Year for Calhoun County High School and the District. Six (6) of our teachers were nominated for Disney Great American Teacher Awards. Five teachers are completing their portfolios for National Board Certification.

EVALUATIONS BY TEACHERS AND STUDENTS

	Teachers	Students	Parents	
% satisfied with quality of academic programs	86.1	53.9	12.5	
% satisfied with school environment	83.8	69.3	44.4	
% believe teachers hold high expectations	86.4	84.6	62.5	

EVALUATIONS BY TEACHERS AND STUDENTS

Percent	Teachers	Students	Parents
Satisfied with learning environment	61.5	76.3	(Avail. 2002)
Satisfied with social and physical environment	74.1	65.8	
Satisfied with home-school relations	29.6	84.3	

DEFINITIONS OF SCHOOL RATING TERMS

Excellent – School performance substantially exceeds the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.
Good – School performance exceeds the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.
Average – School performance meets the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.
Below Average – School is in jeopardy of not meeting the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.
Unsatisfactory – School performance fails to meet the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

Calhoun County High
Route 4 Box 30
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Grades 9-12 High School

Enrollment: 507 Students

Principal

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THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

Annual School
Report Card

2001

School Grade:
Unsatisfactory

South Carolina Performance Goal:

By 2010, South Carolina's student achievement will be ranked in the top half of the states nationally. To achieve this goal, we must become one of the five fastest improving systems in the country.

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